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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert R. Bowie
Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence

SUBJECT : Timing of PRM-27

1. The Council of the Committee on Disarmament (CCD) will hold one of its periodic meetings in July. Chemical Warfare is one of the two items on the agenda. Bilateral talks on the agenda are scheduled with the Soviets for the preceeding week. This necessitates earlier talks with sundry allies. Hence, the 1 June completion date.

2. All is not as hasty as it would appear. Earlier, the NSC Staff and other agencies had hoped to utilize materials developed during the latter days of the Ford Administration to develop the US position and thus to avoid a PRM study. For reasons not known, this would not work. The principal participants in PRM-27 are expected to be knowledgeable of the work already completed and therefore the task should be reduced to one of drafting.

3. I now have in hand a 12 page CIA draft of earlier intelligence input, and am asking the acting chairman of the WSSIC sub-committee on Chemical Warfare to have it reviewed by that sub-committee, redrafted as necessary to develop a community submission.

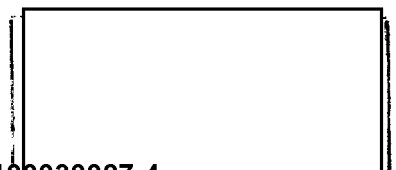


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Mr. Mike Hornblow
Acting Staff Secretary
National Security Council
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Mr. Hornblow:

This letter is to notify you that []

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[], the National Intelligence Officer for Conventional
Forces, has been designated to represent the DCI for PRM 27,
"Chemical Warfare."

Sincerely,

B. C. Evans

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